

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Locust Valley Bethel Church of God Inventory Number: F-2-57
Address: 1323 Marker Road City: Middletown Zip Code: 21769
County: Frederick USGS Topographic Map: Middletown
Owner: Trustees of Locust Valley Bethel Church of God Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 179 Tax Map Number: 64 Tax Account ID Number: 22-434810
Project: DBM-0475-Lamb's Knoll DOE Agency: Maryland Dept. of Budget and Mgmt.
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:
Project File

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

This one story church, constructed in 1879, has no known association with either events or persons, thus disqualifying it for eligibility under Criteria A and B of the National Register of Historic Places. The design of the church is not distinctive and, in addition, the integrity of the building has been compromised by extensive alterations and additions throughout the course of the twentieth century. Thus, it is not eligible under Criterion C. Criterion D, information potential, was not evaluated for this study.

Prepared by: Gerald M. Maready/EHT Tracerics

Date Prepared: 11/19/2003

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☐

Eligibility not recommended ☒

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

MHT Comments

[Signature]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

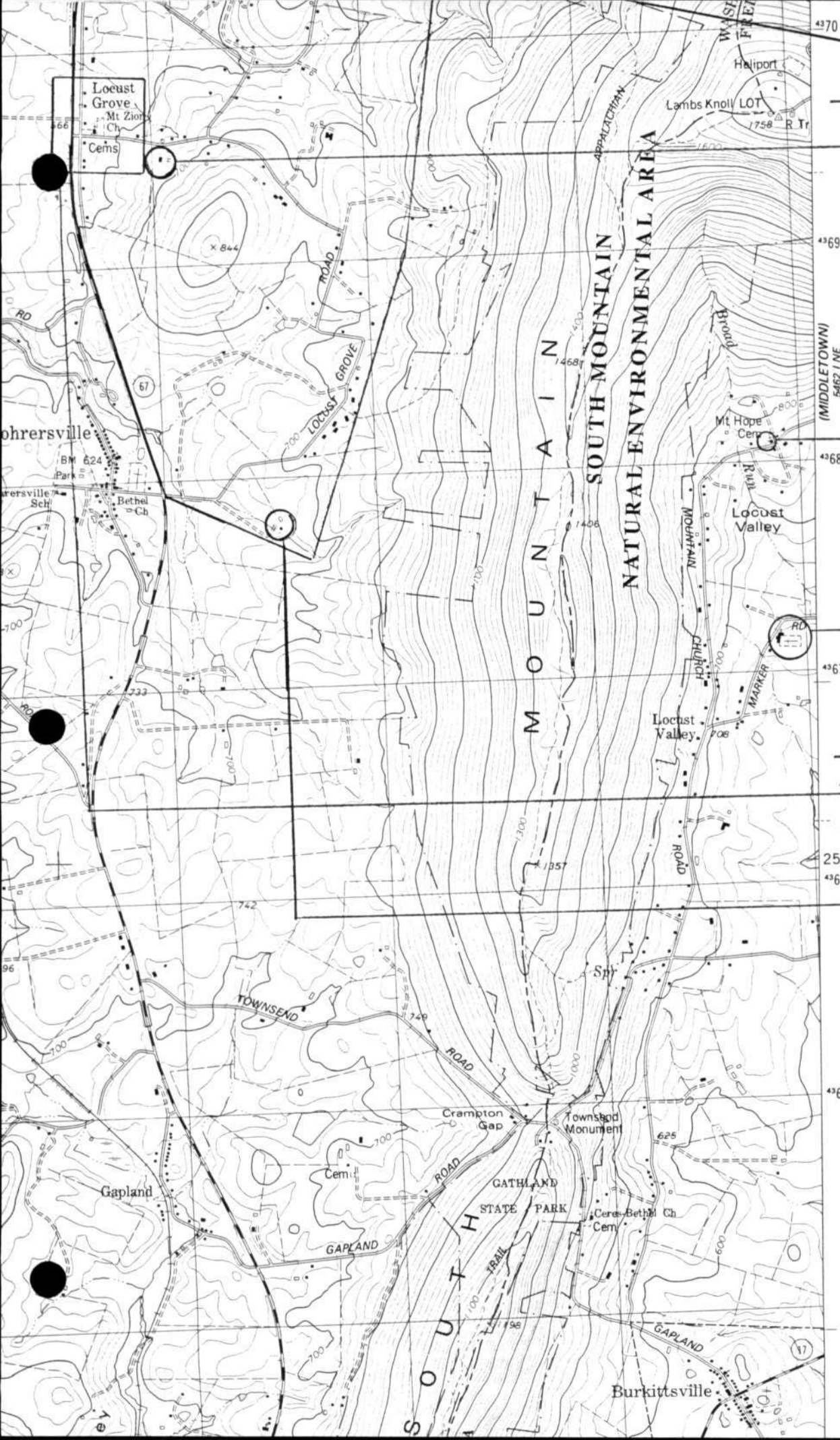
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Date

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Reviewer, NR Program

12/12/03

Date



Park Hall / Locust
Grove Rural
Historic Landscape

WA-111-071
19th c. Farmstead
20313 Locust Grove
Road

F-2-56
Mt. Hope Church of
God
1236 Mountain
Church Road
Middletown

F-2-57
Locust Valley
Bethel Church
of God
1323 Marker Road
Middletown

WA-111-024
Locust Grove

WA-111-049
Farmstead
4331-4333
Locust Grove
Road

Keedyville
Quad



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1323 Marker Road

Frederick County, MD

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Southwest corner

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Locust Valley Bethel Church of God
Burkittsville vicinity
Private

1879

The Locust Valley Bethel Church of God is a one-story brick veneer church with a probable frame structure and a bell tower. The hall plan church has rectangular stained glass windows and a semi-circular stained glass window above the main entrance in the base of the bell tower. Two additions built in 1948 and 1957 adjoin the church on the east elevation. A cemetery is located east of the church. The hall plan with entrance through the bell tower is a form often seen in Frederick County churches of all sizes. The Locust Valley Bethel Church is a good example of the type, with typical alterations of the mid-20th century.

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Locust Valley Bethel Church of God
Burkittsville
Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery Counties,
and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes
Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Community Planning
Religion

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Religion/religious structure/church

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Locust Valley Bethel Church of God

and/or common Locust Valley Bible Church

2. Location

street & number 1323 Marker Road not for publicationcity, town Burkittsville X vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> X occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u> </u> X building(s)	<u> </u> X private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> X religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> X yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u> </u> X not applicable	<u> </u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Trustees of Locust Valley Bethel Church of God

street & number Rt. 1 telephone no.:

city, town Middletown state and zip code Md. 21769

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 813

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 18

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-2-57

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 1

The Locust Valley Bethel Church of God is a one story structure built in 1879 with a possible frame structure which is currently covered with brick veneer. The church is a hall type with a bell tower on the west gable end in which is located the main entrance. Additions dated 1948 and 1957 are located on the northeast and southeast corners of the building. It is located in open fields on the east side of Marker Road about 1-1/2 miles north of Burkittsville, Frederick County, Maryland.

The main section of the church faces west with a three-bay elevation dominated by the bell tower which is the center bay. The upper part of the bell tower is covered with vinyl siding. The main entrance door is a modern 6-panel type. The rectangular windows in the outer bays and the windows in the three north and south bays are filled with stained glass windows. Above the entrance is a semi-circular window which is also stained glass. Near the southwest corner of the main section is a dated stone reading "Built 1879, remodeled 1968". The 1948 and 1957 additions are brick veneer and the roofs on all three sections of the church are composition. East of the church is a cemetery with headstones dating from the 1870's.

8. Significance

Survey No. F-2-57

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1879

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☒ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/orApplicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ GLevel of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Locust Valley Bethel Church of God is a good example, although altered, of a rural church of the last quarter of the 19th century. The hall type with entrance through the base of the bell tower is a plan found in churches of much larger size, such as St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Burkittsville, but is also frequently used in rural churches. The type is commonly found in all parts of Frederick County.

The Locust Valley Bethel Church of God and the later Mt. Hope Church of God (F-2-56) represent the increasing population of the Middletown Valley following the Civil War and the need for local religious services. Prior to the erection of small churches in rural districts, the churchgoers would have to travel to Burkittsville or Middletown. The name Locust Valley refers to the small section of the larger Middletown Valley formed by an eastward projection of South Mountain just north of Mountain Church Road, which, with the older Marker Road, follows the foot of the projection.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-2-57

Land Records of Frederick County

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1
Quadrangle name Keedysville, Md. - W. Va.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 64, Parcel 179

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date September 1991

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

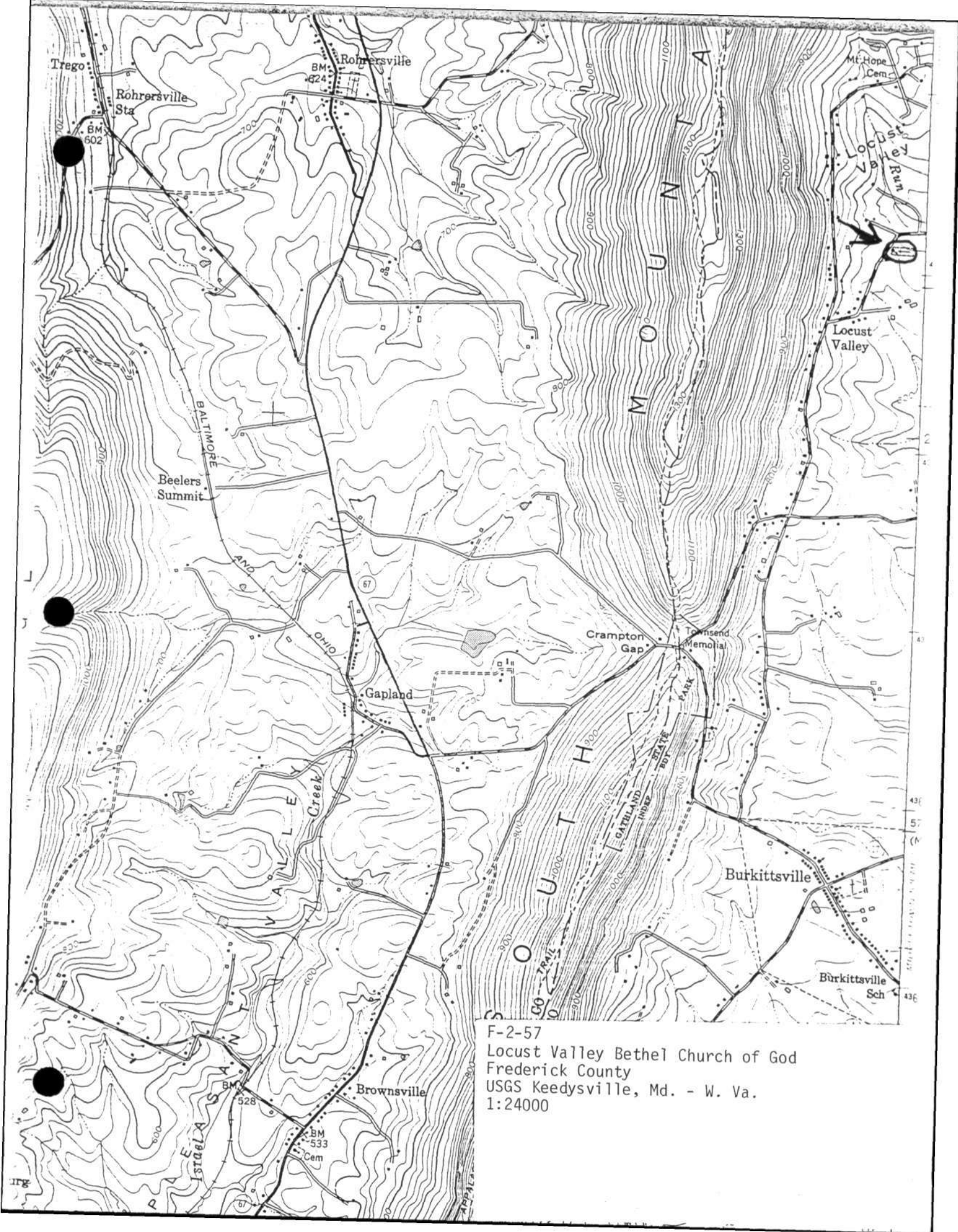
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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
301-514-7600

LIBER/FOLIO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
813/18 23 Sept 69	Trustees of the Locust Valley Bethel Church of God	Amos J. & Leva C. Shafer			
466/452 6 Dec 47	Trustees of Locust Valley Bethel Church of God	Amos & Leva Shafer		\$20	
(these refs are for additions to church lot, not for original 1879 lot)					



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Frederick County
USGS Keedysville, Md. - W. Va.
1:24000



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Locust Valley Bethel Church of God
Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, MD
west elevation

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Locust Valley Bethel Church of God

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

September 1991

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

East elevation

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